

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Hirohito OKUDA et al.  
Serial No.: 10/809,464  
Filed: March 26, 2004  
Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CLASSIFYING DEFECTS  
USING MULTIPLE CLASSIFICATION MODULES (as amended)  
Group: 2624  
Examiner: Edward PARK  
Confirmation No.: 7643

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

**MS: AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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
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In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the first month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed July 29, 2009.

The statutory fee in the amount of \$130.00 is being electronically submitted to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 500.43701X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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